Case 3:05-cv-01924-K Document 1 Filed 09/28/05 Page 1 of 6 PageID 1 U.S. DISTRICT COURT ORIGINAL NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS FILED IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXASEP 2 8 2005 **DALLAS DIVISION** CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY** COMMISSION, CIVIL ACTION NO. Plaintiff, v. **COMPLAINT** 3-05 CV - 19 24 K POP RESTAURANTS, L.L.C.

## **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

**JURY TRIAL DEMAND** 

Defendant.

This an action under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and Title I of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, to correct unlawful employment practices on the basis of sex and retaliation and to provide relief to La Tamra Hill. The Commission alleges that Defendant Pop Restaurants, L.L.C. (hereafter "Defendant"), violated Title VII by subjecting LaTamra Hill to a sexually hostile work environment based upon her sex, female, and discharging her in retaliation for complaining about sexual harassment on the job.

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

1. Jurisdiction of this Court is invoked pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §451, 1331, 1337, 1343, 1345. This action is authorized and instituted pursuant to Section 706(1)(f) and (3) of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, ("Title VII"), 42 U.S.C. §2000e-5(f) (1) and (3), and Section 102 of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, 42 U.S.C. § 1981A.

2. The employment practices alleged to be unlawful were and are now being committed within the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

# **PARTIES**

- 3. Plaintiff, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission of (the "Commission"), is an agency of the United States of America charged with the administration, interpretation and enforcement of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and is expressly authorized to bring this action by Sections 706(f)(1) and (3) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. §2000e-5(f)(1) and (3).
- 4. At all relevant times, Defendant has continuously been and is now doing business in the State of Texas and the City of White Settlement, and has continuously had at least fifteen employees.
- 5. At all relevant times, Defendant has continuously been an employer engaged in an industry affecting commerce under Sections 701(b), (g) and (h) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. §2000e-(b), (g) and (h).

### **STATEMENTS OF CLAIMS**

- 6. More than thirty days prior to the institution of this lawsuit, LaTamra Hill filed a charge with the Commission alleging a violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, by the Defendant. All conditions precedent to the institution of this lawsuit have been fulfilled.
- 7. Since at least November 2003 the Defendant has engaged in unlawful employment practices at its White Settlement, Texas, facility in violation of Section 703(a) (1)

and Section 704(a) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. §2000e-2(a)(1), by subjecting LaTamra Hill to a sexually hostile work environment based upon her sex, female, and by discharging her in retaliation for complaining about the sexual harassment on the job.

- 8. The result of the foregoing practices has been to deprive LaTamra Hill of equal employment opportunities because of her sex,.
- 9. The unlawful employment practices complained of in paragraph 7 above were intentional.
- 10. The unlawful employment practices complained of in paragraph 7 above were done with malice or with reckless indifference to the federally protected rights of LaTamra Hill.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, the Commission respectfully requests that this Court:

- A. Grant a permanent injunction enjoining the Defendant, its officers, successors, assigns, and all persons in active concert or participation with it, from engaging in any employment practice which discriminates on the basis of sex, or which facilitates, condones or encourages employees to create a sexually hostile environment.
- B. Grant a permanent injunction enjoining the Defendant, its officers, successors, assigns, and all persons in active concert or participation with it, from retaliating against employees who oppose what they reasonably believe to be unlawful employment practices or who otherwise participate in Title VII proceedings.
- C Order the Defendant to institute and carry out policies, practices, and programs which provide equal employment opportunities for LaTamra Hill and eradicate the effects of

its past and present unlawful unemployment practices.

D. Order the Defendant to make whole LaTamra Hill by providing appropriate back

pay with prejudgment interest, in amounts to be proved at trial, and other affirmative relief

necessary to eradicate the effects of Defendant's unlawful employment practices, including but

not limited to rightful-place reinstatement or front pay in lieu of reinstatement.

E. Order the Defendant to make LaTamra Hill whole by providing compensation

for past and future non-pecuniary losses resulting from the unlawful employment practices

described in paragraph 7 above, including but not limited to, pain and suffering, humiliation,

embarrassment, emotional distress, anxiety, and loss often enjoyment of life, in amounts to be

determined at trial.

F. Order the Defendant to pay LaTamra Hill punitive damages for its malicious

conduct or reckless indifference described in paragraphs 7 and 10 above, in an amount to be

determined at trial.

G. Grant such further relief as the Court deems necessary and proper in the public

interest.

H. Award the Commission its costs in this action.

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The Commission requests a jury trial on all questions of fact raised by its Complaint.

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2  $\square$  2 Incorporated and Principal Place 5 □ 5 (Indicate Citizenship of Parties Defendant of Business In Another State in Item III) Citizen or Subject of a  $\square$  3  $\square$  3 Foreign Nation 06 □ 6 Foreign Country **NATURE OF SUIT** (Place an "X" in One Box Only) CONTRACT **TORTS** FORFEITURE/PENALTY BANKRUPTCY OTHER STATUTES 110 Insurance PERSONAL INJURY PERSONAL INJURY 610 Agriculture □422 Appeal 28 USC 158 ☐ 400 State Reapportionment 120 Marine ☐ 310 Airplane ☐ 362 Personal Injury-620 Other Food & Drug ☐ 410 Antitrust 130 Miller Act 315 Airplane Product Med Malpractice 625 Drug Related Seizure T423 Withdrawal ☐ 430 Banks and Bank ing 140 Negotiable Instrument Liability ☐ 365 Personal Injury of Property 21 USC 28 USC 157 ☐ 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc 150 Recovery of Overpayment L.J. 320 Assault, Libel & 630 Liquor Laws Product Liability ☐ 460 Deportation PROPERTY RIGHTS ☐ 368 Asbestos Personal & Enforcement of Judgment Slander 640 R R. & Truck 470 Racketeer Influenced and ☐ 330 Federal Employers' 151 Medicare Act Injury Product 650 Airline Regs Corrupt Organizations □820 Copyrights 152 Recovery of Defaulted Liability Liability 660 Occupational □ 810 Selective Service R30 Patent Student Loans 340 Маппе PERSONAL PROPERTY Safety/Health ☐ 850 Securities/Commodities/ □840 Trademark (Excl Veterans) 345 Marine Product 370 Other Fraud 690 Other Ex change Liability 153 Recovery of Overpayment ☐ 371 Truth in Lending ■ 875 Cu stomer Challenge LABOR SOCIAL SECURITY of Veteran's Benefits 350 Motor Vehicle 380 Other Personal 12 USC 3410 160 Stockholders' Suits 355 Motor Vehicle ☐ 891 Agricultural Act s Property Damage 710 Fair Labor Standards □861 HIA (1395ff) 190 Other Contract Product Liability 385 Property Damage 892 Economic Stabil ization Act □B62 Black Lung (923) 195 Contract Product Liability ☐ 360 Other Personal Injury Product Liability ☐ 893 En vironmental Matters □863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) 720 Labor/Mgmt Relations ☐ 894 Energy Allocation Act PRISONER □864 SSID Title XVI REAL PROPERTY **CIVIL RIGHTS** ☐ 895 Freedom of PETITIONS 730 Labor/Mgmt Reporting П □B65 RSI (405(g)) Information Act 210 Land Condemnation 441 Voting ☐ 510 Motions to Vacate & Disclosure Act ☐ 900 Appeal of Fee **FEDERAL TAX SUITS** 220 Foreclosure 442 Employment Sentence 740 Railway Labor Act Determination Under Equal 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment 443 Housing/ Habeas Corpus ■ Taxes (US Plaintiff Access to Justice 240 Torts to Land Accommodations 530 General 790 Other Labor Litigation or Defendant) ☐ 950 Constitutionality of 444 Welfare 245 Tort Product Liability 535 Death Penalty State Statutes 290 All Other Real Property ☐ 440 Other Civil Rights 540 Mandamus & Other 791 Empl Ret Inc П 1871 IRS—Third Party ☐ 890 Other Statutory Actions 550 Civil Rights Security Act 26 USC 7609 555 Prison Condition (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY) ORIGIN Appeal to District Transferred from Judge from another district Magistrate Reinstated or  $\square$  5 Original Removed from ☐ 6 Multidistrict Remanded from (specify) Judgmerat 4 Reopened Proceeding State Court Appellate Court Litigation (Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write brief statement of cause **1. CAUSE OF ACTION** Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity ) refendant violated Title VII by subjecting LaTamra Hill to a sexually hostile work environment based upon her sex, female nd discharging her in retaliation for complaining about sexual harassment on the job. **II. REOUESTED IN** CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint. UNDER FR C.P 23 COMPLAINT: JURY DEMAND: (See III. RELATED CASE(S) instructions) IF ANY JUDGE DOCKET NUMBER SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD Attorney of RECORD RECEIPT # AMOUN APPLYING IFP JUDGE